

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON LOUISIANA. The message of the President on Louisiana af fairs to Congress, after a brief review of events in the South, and particularly in Louisiana, reminds Congress of its delinquency in failing to respond to the repeated appeals of the executive for legislation to direct its course in the preservation and the protection of all classes of the people against what is characterized as the turbulence and aggressive conduct of no small element in the population of many of the Southern States. The President says that he has had no policy of his own to enforce in the States of the South, but has always endeavored to confine his acts to a preservation of peace. In the special matter respecting the scenes which transpired in connection with the recent organization of the Legislature of Louisiana, the troops were acting under authority of the general instructions sent to the commanding office during the exicitement attending the outbreak of last September. The presence of Gen. Sheridan had reference merely to the alleged threatened purpose of certain disorderly an idle persons, expelled for supporting a number of real or constituted members of the Legislature and leaders, to wrest by force the control of the State government from those who then held it. The conspicuousness of the troops in what followed will therefore, it is contended, be plainly accounted for as the act of soldiers endeavoring to perform their duty. No unpatriotic or tyrannical impulses, nor even a disposition to interfere or to exceed their authority, is attributed to them, but simply an honest desire to do their duty, in obedience to general orders to maintain quiet. It will be admitted that the commanding officers were not lawyers, and hence, perhaps, not well versed in what are considered the nice distinctions and hair-spliting differences of the law. While they may have been at fault in the details of their action, no intentional wrong will be attributed to them. The President thinks that this message will convince Congress of the necessity of legislative action, which should have been had at least two years ago. There are indications of something wrong in

regard to the fiber paper upon which the greenbacks are printed. It is manufactured at mills near West Chester, Pennsylvania, and it appears to be suspected that in transportation between there and the printers, some of it has got into improper hands. A large force from the Treasury Department are now engaged in overhauling the stock at the mills, and their work is conducted with great secresy. The peculiarities of this paper have always constituted the chief protection of the greenbacks from being counterfeited, and the possession of it by counterfeiters would be a serious

The New York Herald, in commenting upon the speech of Mr. Schurz, says: "The argument of Mr. Schurz stands upon the facts and the law, and no array of murders and wrongs committed in the South can change the admitted truth of military interference with a sovereign Legislature, or shake the constitution, which forbids it. In the language of the brave and true Senator himself, the people demand, 'if there be an argument in defence, let it, at least, be on a level with the dignity of the occasion.' It is sad to know that even in the Senate of the United States a meaner argument is possible."

Large blocks of granite from the Dominion Quarry at Richmond are beginning to arrive in Philadelphia, to be used in the area and foundation of the new postoffice building in that city. It is gratifying to know that something is being exported from the State-If more was exported and less imported the old State would soon be on her feet again.

During a thunder storm yesterday at Pass l'Outre, the ship Princeton, outward bound from New Orleans was struck by lightning and set on fire, and was run ashore on South Breaker. The bark Emily was also struck by lightning, which shivered her topgallantmast and ran down to the deck, capsizing her winch, but doing no further damage.

The rew King of Spain had yesterday a most enthusiastic popular reception at Valencia. The Nautilus, German war vessel, is again at Santander. There were rumors in Paris yesterday that the Carlists had captured Pampeluna, and that Moriones, in the North, had declared against Alfonzo, but this is doubtful.

The Mark Lane Express of yesterday, in its review of the corn trade of the past week, says there has been an extraordinary thaw throughout Europe, which causes altered markets, relaxation of prices generally, and samples have become much deteriorated. Prussia officially reports better crops than for ten years past.

Rev. Thomas U. Dudley, late rector of Christ, Protestant Episcopal, church of Baltimore, who was recently elected assistant bishop of the diocese of Kentucky, will be consecrated as such on Wednesday, January 27th, in Balti-

Ex-Governor Thomas E. Bramlette, of Kentucky, died yesterday in Louisville of rheumstism of the heart. He was Governor of Kentucky during the closing years of the war, and | did not admit of her taking chloroform. was an able and prominent lawyer.

A dispatch from Nortolk, Va., says the recent freeze there will greatly damage the early only one finger broken instead of three and his trucks, particularly the peas that are up.

been received.

A dispatch from New Orleans last night says that the 'Kellogg Lagislature yesterday adopted concurrent resolutions to go immediately into the re election of Pinchback as United States Sepator, in order to silence the doubts and questioning as to his title to a seat in that body So suddenly was this movement made that Pinchback's opponents were apparently struck dumb, no efforts being made to check the programme. Pinchback was placed in nomination, and received the following vote: Senate. 18 to 5; House, 48 to 7. A joint session will be held to-morrow for an official canvass. The re election of Pinchback crushes the hopes of several aspirants of the Custom House wing, who are said to be especially disappointed at the turn affairs have taken, and the belief now is they will favor reconstruction or a new election."

The House Judiciary Committee has instructed the sub-committee to prepare a bill for a new election in Louisiana. The discussion showed that such a bill would be similar, in its general features, to that recently offered in the House by General Butler, with the addition of a clause making it a criminal offence to carry arms or concealed weapons at any election poll. Members of the committee have information that if the bill is reported to the House, a plan will be proposed as a substitute, providing for a provisional government under the control of the military force of the United States, until the time of the next legal State election. The committee will hardly endorse this proposition, nor will it be likely to develop much strength upon the floor.

Two months ago it was discovered that some adroit and unscrupulous rascals had cut from Murillo's famous painting of St. Anthony of Padua, in the Saville Cathedral, Spain, some of the figures. Conjecture as to the criminals or their destination was utterly baffl d; but they have turned up in the United States and disposed of their plunder to a dealer in New York, who has voluntarily offered to return it to the Spanish Government. The great canvass is, however, permanently damaged, and so the value of a work that was almost priceless has been much depreciated.

Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, sent in a special message to the General Assembly of that State yesterday. He is emphatic in urging that no appropriations be made in excess of the known resources of the State, so that the practice shall be "pay as we go." He suggests plaus for paying the past indebtedness of the counties, but in view of the heavy burdens on the people is inflexibly opposed to the liquidation at present of the floating indebtedness of the State.

Terrible cold weather is still reported from the Far West, and there is much suffering in consequence. The troops who started to drive the miners from the Biack Hills have been compelled to return to Sheridan, badly frozen. Three teams in charge of four men cut through the ice on the Missouri river, near Omaha, yesterday, and all were swept down by the current. The sleet last night made it one of the at Staunton, yesterday, a report of the presimost disagreeable of winter nights.

Before the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, in the matter of the Pacific Mail subsidy, Mr. Schumaker was examined regarding his disposition of two of the checks for \$50,000 each, entrusted to him as a part of the corruption fund. Mr. H. G. Fant confessed that he lobbied for the subsidy, and took \$12,000 for his services. Dog Platt protested that the \$5.000 he got from Irwin was only a loan which another person paid back for him.

Previous to the meeting of the Cabinet yes terday Senators Elmunds, Sargent, Frelingbuysen, Carpenter, Morton, Conkling, Logan and Howe had a consultation with the President on the Louisiana question, and it is understood listened to the reading of the special message. These Senators were present when the members of the Cabinet arrived, and eugaged in a general conversation on the same

Mr. White of Alabama introduced in the House of Representatives, on Monday, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, declaring "that | 500. citizens of the United States owe a paramount and primary allegiance to the Government of the United States, and that the said Government is bound to give by law adequate protec tion in all the rights of citizenship." Mr. White increased by discounts upon the bonds-what

The Washington Chronicle asks: "Is another rebellion brewing?" We should think so from the high band with which Sheridan, backed by the administration, is carrying things in New Orleans-making and unmaking Legislatures; upsetting the government of Louisiana, &c,all very proper acts, however, in the eyes of the

The very few Radical papers in the country that endorse the course of the administration in the Louisians outrage, express great indignation now whenever a republican utters his disapprobation of that course-But its at no consequence; the disapprobation is getting to be "a general thing."

James H. Harding Governor-elect of Missouri, was inaugurated yesterday. In his address he denounced the Louisiana usurpation as a "fearful infraction of the constitution, and the most alarming stock our republican institutions have ever received."

Samuel T. Gleon, a defender of Baltimore in the war of 1812, died on Monday, aged 81

Londoun County Items.

[Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.] HAMILTON, VA., Jan. 12.-Malinda Tavenuer, wite of Wm. Tavenuer, near this village, slipped on the ice, on the porch of her husband's residence yesterday, about 12 clock, and falling, dislocated her bip. Drs. Harmon and Bromwell, of our town, assisted by Dr. Gorman, of Purcellville, succeeded last night in replacing the joint. The opperation was attended with difficulty as the lady's health

The injuries of B. L. Fox, on Sunday the 3d inst., though not so serious as at first reported, still coufine him to his bed. He had hip, though not dislocated, was so badly injured as to reuder it very painful. The lady who was with him is improving, and it is thought will recover, though her injuries are of a very serious character.

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A copy—test The African Repository, for January, has recover, though her injuries are of a very se-Saturday afternoon, rious character.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Martha Robb, formerly Mrs. Robt. C. Standard, of Richmond, but now residing al ternately at Philadelphia and at R xboro', her country seat, in Scaff and country, has lately presented a hand-ome and costly bilinard table to h : Western Lucatic A-youn, for the use of the inmates.

The Committee on Finance of the Heuse of Delegates have resolved to report a junt resolution instructing the Astorney-General to in ur proceedings against Mesers. Mathone Westerd and Labor, such as on he band of Col. Mayo, late Treasurer, for the amount of the deficit in the l'rea-u er's office.

At a meeting of the "K. K. Klub," to Richmond on Monday night, Mayor Keiley offered a series of resolutions, condemning in the strongest terms the outrage upon the people of Louisiana, which were adopted and a copy orlered to be sent to the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

In the State Sepate on Monday the House bill for the relief of J. L. Spilman and Robert Frazier, of Fauquiir, was favorably reported upon; and in the House of Delegates a bid for the relief of W. E Grigsby, of King George county, was reported.

Mr. Jas. Bruce and wife, at their residence at Greenwood depot in Albemarle county, on Wednesday last, the 6th iost, celebrated the 50th auniversary of their marriage by a golden

Rev. Dr. N. W. Wilson, of the Grace-street Baptist Church, in Renmond, has resigned the pastorate of that church.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Scott, from Committee on Finance, reported a substitute for the House bill to amend the National Bank act, and fixing the compensation of national bank examiners. Mr. Sargent presented a lengthy memorial from citizens of the county of Washington praying that, in view of the limited advantages which they possess as compared with the city, that they should not be taxed over 75 cents in the \$100. Mr. Howe had the floor, and made an ultra-Radical speech. The discussion assumed a colloquia turn, and Mr. Bayard, Mr. Morton and Mr. Saul-bury took part in it. Mr. Howe granted that the use of the troops in the Louisiana State House was illegal, but excused it on the ground of "general lawlessness" in New Orleans. He demanded full civil rights for the colored race as the only proper settlement of Southern troubles. Mr. Logan obtained the floor to make a speech to-day, and after a short Executive session the Senate adjourned.

In the House of Representatives the Com mittee on Postoffices was directed to inquire whether the postal system can be improved in the direction of economy. Mr Abert, having told all he knew about the Pacific Mail inquiry, was discharged from arrest. The Naval Appropriation bill was finally passed. Bills were introduced to reconstruct the pay depart of the army, for an annuity fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of army officers, and to increase the Signal Service appropriation so that it may embrace the health of the stations in its reports. The bill making a general grant of way to railroads through public lands was passed. A petition from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for an appropria the District was presented.

dent up to November first of the company's Harrisonburg to Staunton, twenty-six miles, has been completed at a cost, as estimated, of \$1,377,795.03.

The completed portion of the road has been operated by the Battimore and Ohio Raitroad Company during a period of eight mouths, with the following results:

\$27,021 72 Amount of gross receipts. 20 307 96 Less working expenses,

\$6.713 76 Net earnings. There has been expended in construction. rights of way, land damages, &c., on that part of the line betw en Staupton and Salem, 87 unles, a total amounting to

To this amount must be added the present estimated indebtedness

of the company (a sum properly 392,000 00 chargeable to that amount)

\$1,226,899 88 Making a total of paid and to be paid for work, &c., upon the incomplete portion of the road.

The habilities of the company now existing are estimated as amounting to \$392,000. These liabilities are payable in cash and bonds.

The available assets (so-called because in hand or under immediate control of the company, and directly applicable to a discharge of its liabilities) are stated as amounting to \$283,-

A deficiency is thus shown to exist of about \$110 000, but inasmuch as the bulk of the available assets consist of bonds of counties and towns not readily convertible into money, and not worth the par, this deficiency will be ever that may be.

There is due to the company on account of subscriptions to its capital stock from individuals, a sum of about \$35,000, from counties and towns a further sum of about \$637,000, making a total of \$672,000.

Col. Harmun, one of the directors, handed in a bid from Robert Y. Bickle, president of the Staunton Cuy Council, off ring to lease the completed road between Staunton and Harrisonburg, at twen;y thousand dollars per annum. The proxies of the city of Baltimore and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company both announced that they were positively instructed to vote against such a bid. The proposition was defeated. The meeting adjourned to February 22, when a full report of the affairs of the company up to that date will be submitted.

President Garrett read a paper announcing his determination to resign his position at the next meeting, and commenting with much plainness on the lack of co-operation the company had experienced from those through whose sections the road ran, and from whom it had a right to expect a hearty support, and also complaining of the extortion practiced by the inhabitants along the line, with some ex-

At the close of the meeting the Sheriff of Rockbridge county served a writ on Messrs. Robert Garrett, President of the company; R. Norris, jr., and Decatur H. Miller, of Baltimore city, to appear at the Hustings Court, to answer an injunction obtained by Rockbridge county and Lexington, to prevent their dispos ing of the bonds subscribed by said county and the town for the construction of the Valley

COMMUNICATED.

I am delighted to inform D. T. that the last freeze has to a great extent thrown the balance of trade in ice in favor of Alexandria, and I bope in favor of Virginia to a great extent. I wish I could say so about many other articles.

NOTICE-All persons having claims against the MOUNT VERNON MANUFAC-TURING COMPANY for supplies furnished, or having orders from the company, or amounts

CITY COURCIL.

A regular semi monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. At a quarter of eight o'clock five members having appeared in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, on motion of Mr. Sanot, the

President, S. H. Jonney, being absent. Dr. J. B. Johnson was chosen President pro tem. Mr Moore, from the Committee on Public ive property belonging to the city, and adised the sale of the Powter II use lat. which

repor was accepted. Mr. Moore introduced a resolution for the epair of the American coal wharf. He x plained the necessity for the repairs before pring, and the resolution was adopted.

Dr. Johnson, from the Committee on Claims, made a verbal report upon the ciaim of F. L. Smith, jr., for legal services in the suit of Stephen Swain against the Hydraution Steam Fire Engine Company, and the quistion was whether Mr. Smith should be pold and further coupleyed, or some other I were engaged and the case prosecuted before the Court of

Appeals at a cost of about \$400. Mr. Moere, from the Committee on Poor. reported that it is not advisable to open a soup house, and the report was adopted.

The bill to repeal the act forming the Board of Public Works, heretofore passed by the City Council, was taken up and indefinitely post poned.

Dr. Johnson presented the resignation of O. U. Whittlesey, as one of the Overseers of sure,' but I can't-it's 'too many for me;' and the resignation was accepted.

A petition for a gas lamp in front of the Relief Hook and Ludder Company was referred to the Committee on Light, with power to ac . A resolution a lopted by the Common Council, authorizing the Finance Committee to borrow \$10,000 to pay the January interest, was adopted.

A communication from the Mayor, announcing the death of Col. C. E. Stuart, late Corporation Attorney, was received.

A report adverse to the payment of the hands employed by the contractors on Columbus street, was adopted.

An order directing the Auditor to give the notes of the Corporation at uine months to the contractors on Columbus street, was passed. A communication from the Fire Wardens, adverse to the equipment of the hand fire engines, and giving their reasons therefor, was received, and, on motion of Dr. French, the consideration of the communication was deferred; and, on motion of Mr. Smoot, the Board, at 8.25, adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

There was a sparce attendance both within and without the barin the chamber of the Common Council last night.

The Fire Wardens submitted a report, which will be found in the official proceedings, ad verse to a grant of bose to the Sun Fire Com-

Mr. Wood asked what would be the eff ct of adopting the report, and on the Chair answering that it would adopt the recommendation of the committee, expressed his opposition.

Mr. McKenzie tavored the adoption of the report. He wished there was water enough for all the engines. but as there was not sufficient water the conclusions of the Wardens were self-evident. He was by no means option to pay the interest on the 3:65 bonds of posed to the hand engines and wished there

was water enough for all. Mr. Hughes said the District of Columbia THE VALLEY RAILROAD. - At the meeting | had but five engines, Baltimore had only eleven of the stockholders of the Valley Railroad, held engines, and as the cost of the paid department here had been considered excessive, he would say that \$143,667 had been paid last affairs wis read, showing that the road from year for these eleven companies -- more than \$13,000 each. The componies here did not cost nalf that sum. Polladelphia with 800,000 population had only 22 engines with her extensive territorial limits. Hand engines were useless, and he did not believe in spending money on them. It the money could be spent in improving the fire plugs 8, as to give a four inch opening for the scamers to draw from, each of the engines could have a full supply or water, and each could throw two streams.

> The report was adopted. Mr. Hughes asked if the Council had the power to dissolve the hand companies. The President said that was a question for the Corporation Attorney.

> Mr. Wood said that the city had no power to break up the Sun Company. It was a chartered institution, incorporated by the State of Virginia.

Mr. Hughes would ask the member (Mr. Wood) worst power aborished the engine companies of Washington, chartered by Congress; mose of Baltimore, chartered by Maryland; and those of Philadelphia, othery is number. chartered by Pennsylvania. One of the companies here had one hundred and fifty members, who did nothing, but escaped jury dury to which the other ci zous were sutject. He hoped the building would be put to some usetul purpose.

Mr. Wood said the gentleman begun by proposing to abolish the companies and ended by abusing them. He did not know about the Washington companies, but he did know about the Aiexandria ones. The Council could just as well abolish one of the banks as one of the fire companies. The Sun Fire Company was an incorporated body, chartered by the same p wer that chartered the city, the Legislature of Virginia.

Mr. McK-ozie asked what question was before the Council. The chair said that the discussion was out of

Mr. Broders in introducing a resolution for borrowing \$10,000 at four months, said such a loan was necessary to get through the year, but he hoped that would be enough.

The resolution was adopted. The report of the Committee on Streets, relative to the occupancy of lots belonging to the city having been read, it appeared that the city had a lease of ninety nine years on some property near the Diagonal Pump.

Mr. Hughes asked when the city's right Mr. McKenzie--It is a lease of ninery nine

Mr. Hugh s-The city will then have to Mr. McKeczie-Well that is as long as any

Mr. Harlow suggested a joint meeting to elect City Attorney, but at the suggestion that the meeting was a small one, he withdrew it. No further business coming up the Board adjourned.

reasonable man ought to live.

VIRGINIA: At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 4th day of January, 1876: William A. Moore, plaintiff, against Henry S. Martin, defendant. In debt and upon an at-The object of this suit is to recover against

the detendant the sum of \$100, with interest thereon from August 9, '872, till paid, and to attach and subject to the payment of the same the interest of the defendant in the house and lot at the southwest intersection of Commerce and Fayette streets, in Alexandria city, Virginia. The desendant not having entered his appearthis State, it is ordered that said defendant appear der be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gaand posted at the front door of the Court House the dust whence it came. Let us find our continuous two and three inches thick.

of this city. A copy—test.

VIEGINIA LE SISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday a number of bills received from the House were referred to ap-

propriate committees. Bills were reported more effectually to pre-

Buls were passed in relation to the larceny of property conveyed und retrust deed, or affected | Zation as possible with the means at our disposal. Property, submitted a report of the unproduct by left of execution, in regard to the conscruction of sta utes; and amending the Code relative to the building or repairing of bridges

by counties. subj c. of a resolution proposing to amend the vorable circum tances, furnish water amough for Code so as to provide that invisitetion in cases

the County Court, except in cities. Mr. Ctarke offered the following joint resoluions, which he over under the rule :

R solved. The House of Deligates concurring, I hat our Senators to Congress be tos rue:ed and our members of the House of R presentatives be requested to use their influence to procure the passage of a law repealing that clause of the National banking law which in the city. It is assert d that the Wardens, from poses a tax of car per cent on any other circutating medium than that authorized by Con-

24. That the Executive of this State communicate the adoption of these resolutions to ou- Senators and Representatives in Congress.

the Poor for the 4 h Ward, Mr. W. startog early as practicable, the amount of taxes assess that "I thought that I could 'stand the pres- ed upon the merenants according to the principle of graduation upon the purchases of the several classes, in the several cities and counties of

this Commonwealth. Mr. Unicher offered the following joint resolutions, which lie over under the rules:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Virginta, that Utysses S. Grant, President of the United States, by the employment of the army an abundance of water, it would, in our judgto determine the election returns and qualificationent, be unadvisable to re-equip the hand tions of the members of the Legislature of engine compinies. The reason is, that we Louisiana, has plainly transcended his powers; committed an act of gross usurpation, and any emergency likely to arise. Any appropriashould receive the condemnation of the American people.

2d. That we tender the people of Louisiana our profound sympathy, as well as our assurance that patient forbearance will be rewarded with speedy delieverance from military

The joint resolution protesting against Federal interference in Luisiana affairs was debated and made a continuing special order for Thursday.

In the House of Delegates a number of Senate bills were read and referred. Senate bill amending the Code in relation to

the alteration of roads, canals and streams, was reported with an amendment. A motion to meet daily at 10 o'clock was voted down.

Senate bill entitled au act to publish the condemnation of lands belonging to lunatic asylums, the institution for the deaf, dumb and blind, or to any university, college or seminary of learning, was passed.

The bill defining certain fishing privileges in Pocomoke sound and river, was discussed until

CITY COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held January 12, 1875 there were present: Mes-rs. Emoot, Moore, Johnson, French and to borrow \$10,000 for four months for the pur-A resolution instructing the Superintendent ind btedness, and that notes be given for the

of Police to produce oyster shells for north Co lumbus street, was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in The Committee on Public Property made a report upon the property owned by the city, which was accepted.

The Committee on Public Pro erry reported of Police. a resolution in favor of repairing the whart rented by the American Coul Co., which was

The Committee on the Poor reported in favor of ; aying the bls of Harlow B.os., \$85.12; K. M. Lawson, \$14.57, for groceries, &c., for the Aims House, and bill of J. Entwisle, jr., \$61.76. for medicines; also repetted a iversely upon the legislation is necessary to abolish the hand fire resolution to open a soup house,-which were

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was indefinitely po thoused Reports of the Finance Committee on the resolut n in regard to paying contractors for work done on Countbus street; also upon the r solution to pay employees working on Columbus street, a so a bit, of Smoot & Perry, \$10 49; also a bill o Charles Brill, \$16.95, both against the Alms House; also a communication from the Mayor announcing the death of the Corporation Attorney; also a resolution empowering the Finance Commettee to borrow \$ 0,000; als a retition of sundry citizens for repairs to the gutter on Princess street, between Aifred and ratrick; also a bill of Dr. E. A Stabler, \$25; also a resolution of enquiry in regard to abb ishing hand engines; also a bid of F. J. Davidson,

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The Board then edjourned. Teste: JNO. J JAMIESON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council, held January 12, 1875, there were present : George R. Shinn, esq., Pr. sident, and Messrs. Wood, Broders, Mckenzie, Ha

and Mitchell. Mr. Broders, from the Finance Committee, to whom a communication from the Board o Public Works had been referred, presented a report recommending that the Auditor issue his warrant for \$2,862.96, the remainder due Buckley & Wilson, contractors for improving north Columbus street, payable nine months after

low, Downham, Fowle, Rishell, Hughes, Harris,

date, and the report was adopted. Mr. Broders, from the same committee, reported adversely upon a resolution empowering the President of the Board of Public Works to draw funds from the treasury to pay the hands employed by the contractors on north Columbus

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Mayor's Office, Alexandria, Va.,)

A bill of Smoot & Perry, amounting to \$10.49, on Poor's House account, was ordered to be The following communication from the Mayor was received:

January 12.h, 1875. To the Honorable City Council of Alexandria. Gentlemen: 'Time honored custom and precedent impose on me the painful duty of announcing officially to your honorable body that since our last regular meeting the office of the City Attorney has been made vacant by the untimely death of our esteemed friend and faithful legal adviser, Colonel Charles E. Stuart. It is for you to appoint his successor; yet, in making this announcement, I may be permitted to offer an ance and given security according to the act of humble but heartiest tribute to the amisble Assembly, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of place you have to fill. To me, at least, in both my personal and official relations, he was a most here within one month after due publication of valued friend and almost infal ible counsellor. this order, and do what is necessary to protect his | An intellect of the highest order, indomitable interest in this suit; and that a copy of this or- energy and mental activity, were in him unfortrately ill mated with a physique extremely due them for abor, or claims of any description, zette, a newspaper published in the city of Al- trail and delicate. The interior organism—the from the ice below Glymont, but from that are hereby notified to present the same for ad- exandria, once a week tor four succe-sive weeks, body of our triend-is even now mingling with

The following report from the Fire Wardens. to whom had been referred an application of the Sun Fire Company for hose, was adopted To the members of the City Council of Alexan

dria, Virginia: Gentlemen: The communication of the Sun Fire Company to your no. orable body, and by serve the public peace, and in relation to suits you referred to the Fire Wardens, has been received and duly considered. In all matters appertaining to the Fire Department it has been our aim to provide as efficient an organi

following that course which seemed to promise the best results. It is a well known fact that nearly all the fires whi hoccur are exting ished by water from the fire lug-. It is equily well known that the It was declared inexpedient to legislate on the present water mains do not, under the most fathe steamers to use mor than one line of hose each when both are in service. To obtain the of assault and battery, not felonies, shall be in

be-t result-, the steam-rs should have water afficient for two lines of hose. It is evident that any diminution of the supply for other engines would impair the efficiency of the steamers to that extent at least. The equiping of the hand engine companies, under these circumstances, would be, in our judgment, a use ess experditure of the city's funds. Just here allow us to correct an erroneous impression which prevails to a very considerable extent in prejudice alone of the hand rgine companies, have been instigated in withholding aid to them.

All such reports are unjust, because not true. The law gives the power to the Wardens to equip the hand e gine companies. Being properry holders, self interest, if no higher motive actuated them would naturally prompt them to On motion of Mr. Thomas,
Res.lved. That the Auditor of Public Accounts be requested to inform the Scoute, as sonable to suppose that the Wardens, from any feeling of prejudice or for the gratification of some whim, would jeopardise them? The proposition is too absurd to be further dwell upon

The hand engine companies have not been equipped for the reasons as herein before state i, to wit: that the present water supply is not equal to the capacity of the apparatus now in service. It follows naturally that additional origines would tend to weaken rather than strengthen those already in service. Even with believe the present working force fully equal to tion, therefore, which has for its object the equiping of more companies would add to the burden of the tax payers of the city without any

compensating good.
When the city had but one steamer there might have been some good reasons urged that it was not enough for the requirements of the

But since the purchase of the Columbia, in 1871, giving to the corporation two most excellent steamers, and ably assisted, as they are, by the Kelief Hook and Ladder Cempany, the city has a Fire Department fully equal to any de-

mands likely to be made upon it.

It may not be out of place, perhaps, to note what sister cities are doing with hand engines wherever steamers have been introduced. an extended correspondence on the subject of fires and the working of fire departments, and from the annual reports of the chief engineers of many cities, the fact stands out prominently that hand engines have been entirely done away with wherever steamers have seen introduced. Space will not allow us to quote from but one or two letters bearing upon this point.

The Chief Engineer of Petersburg says: "We have two steamers and four hand engines in our city. The hand engines are not, nor have not been, in service for over two years." The Chief Engineer of Richmond says: "We have no hand engines in service. Only one in the city. which is for sale.' Without trespassing further upon your valua-

ble time, we respectfully recommend that the application of the Sun Fire Company for hose be not granted. By order of the Board:
Jas. Rec on Smoot, Chairman. Mr. Broders introduced a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the Finance Committee pose of paying the January coupons and other

same, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Auditor. A petition, signed by Bernard McCann and surdry other citizens, for the opening and draining of the gutter between Alfred an Patrick streets, was referred to the Superintendent

A bill of Dr. E. A. Stabler, amounting to \$25, for three months' service as Physician to the Poor in the 3d ward, was referred to the Committee on Claims. Mr. Hughes offered a resolution, which was adopted, rejuesting the Cornoration Attorney,

when elected, to inform the City Council what engine companies now in the city. A bill of F J . svidson, amounting to \$2, for election services, was ordered to be patd. The following papers were received from the Board of Aldermen and their action upon the same concurred in, viz: Petition of B. F. Dudley to have the curb stone set in front of his dwelling; resignation of O. C. Whittlesey as Oversoer of the Poor for the 4th ward; bill of

R. M. Lawson, \$24.57; report of the Committee on th Poor adverse to opening a soup house; bill of James Entwisle, jr., \$61.76; report of the Committee on Public Property recommending improvements to the whorf oc upied by the American Coal Co; bill of Har ow Bros., \$55 17; report of committee of Public Property respecting the unproductive real estate held by the city; and the application of the Relief Ho K and Ladder Company for a street gas lamp opposite their truck house. The Board then adjourned.

HAROLD SNOWDEN, CI'k. Teste:

COMMERCIAL. Alexandria Market, January 13, 1875.

FLOUR, Fine. 4 00 @ 4 25 Superfine. 4 75 @ 5 00 Extra. 5 25 @ 6 00 Family...... 6 25 @ 6 75 Mixed...... 0 82 (a. Yeilow 0 00 @ 0 81 Ear-Corn 3 50 @ 3 75 RYE...... U 80 (4) TURKEYS 0 15 DÜCKS...... 2 50 Western 0 141 (25 Sides 0 13 (26 Sides 0 13 Shoulders..... 0 10 @ 9 50 @ 10 00 Ground, in bags, ret'd.... 8 50

REMARKS.-The quality of the Wheat offered to-day was very inferior, and the market quiet and unchanged; offerings of 798 bushels, with sales of red at 100, 105, 107 and 110 for ordinary. Corn is steady at yesterday's quotations; offerings of 1007 bushels, with sales of white at 84, and mixed at 82 and 83. Oats are in light receipt, with sales at 65.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JAN'Y. 13. Sun sets 5 3 High water 0 00

ARRIVED. Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F A

point up as having to cut ber way through ice MEMORANDA.

Reed. She reports meeting with no obstruction

K. KEMPER, Mayor. | Schr Commerce, hence, at Norfolk 11th.